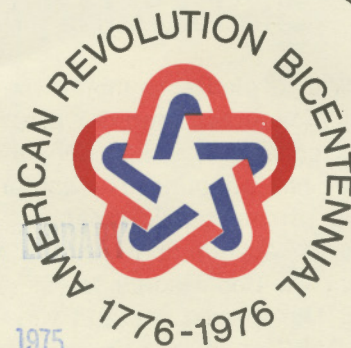




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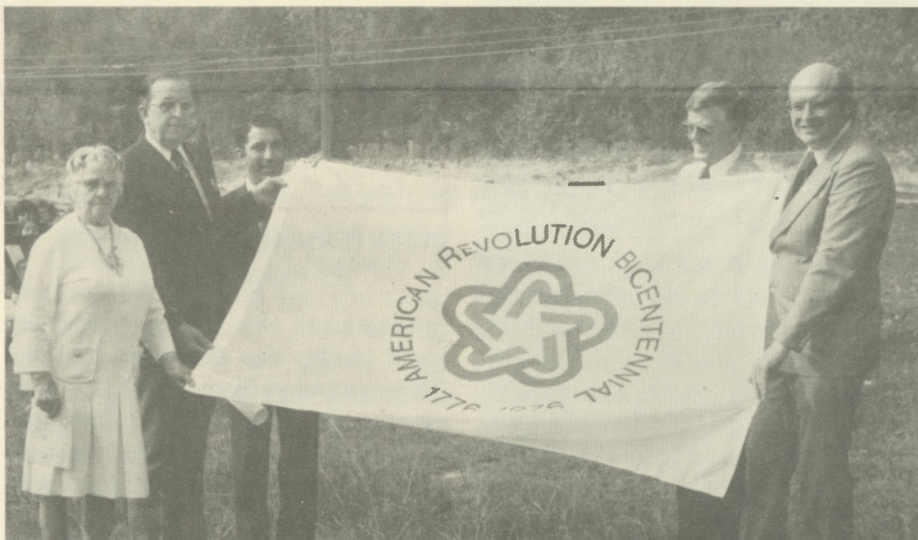


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In a ceremony at Historic Camden which honored Kershaw County's Bicentennial Community Designation, SCARBC Vice-Chairman Sam Manning presents an official Bicentennial Flag to, from left, Mrs. D. M. Mays, Jr., Camden Mayor James Anderson, and County Councilman Austin M. Sheheen, Jr. John Hills, director of the SCARBC watches.

BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITIES NAMED

Ten South Carolina communities have been designated official Bicentennial Communities by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

The Pendleton area, Cayce, Georgetown, Cherokee County, Branchville, Greenville, Fairfield County, Kershaw County, Seneca and Calhoun County received this honor on the basis of their proposed plans for the upcoming Bicentennial.

South Carolina's historic tri-county Pendleton District . . . Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties . . . was the first community to receive the designation under the new national program. Charleston was honored under an earlier program.

Pendleton's Bicentennial program lists its Foothills Heritage series, the preparation of selected historical markers, assisting the inauguration of an outdoor drama on Andrew Pickens by Revis Frye, publication of one or more books on the area, and the Century Farms program. The Pendleton District will also coordinate Bicentennial activity for the tri-county area, publish a quarterly newsletter, and offer assistance to local groups planning Bicentennial programs.

One of Cayce's major Bicentennial projects will be the establishment of Granby Gardens, a five acre park recognizing the area as the site of the earliest settlement in the area. A theater-in-the-round that will seat 300 and be used by local college groups and citizens is proposed.

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4-H Clubs Join Achievement '76

It is anticipated that 90,000 young South Carolinians in 1,700 state 4-H clubs will commemorate the Bicentennial through the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission's program, Achievement '76. May has been set as the target date for 100 per cent participation by the clubs.

Achievement '76 is a challenge to all South Carolina organizations to do something "good for America on her 200th birthday." Organizations are asked to complete a commitment certificate pledging "some beneficial action in consideration of those generations who come after and in tribute to those patriots of the American Revolution who committed their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to secure for us the blessings of liberty."

The Fairfield County Leadership Club has become the first 4-H group to complete and return a certificate. Plans include beautification of a local nursing home and a program to inspect and license bicycles. The Fairfield group also plans a Bicentennial bike tour of historical sites in the county.

As an Achievement '76 participant the group will receive lapel pins for each member and an Achievement '76 Scroll of Recognition. Commitment certificates can be obtained from the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission office. For further information write: Achievement '76, P. O. Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

Citadel Adds "New Glory to Old Glory"

With a pledge to mount the most significant Bicentennial program of any college in the Nation, the Citadel has announced a comprehensive Bicentennial program, "New Glory." According to Citadel President Lt. Gen George M. Seignious, II, "The Citadel will add New Glory to Old Glory during the Bicentennial Era."

The General said the theme "New Glory" was appropriate because it recognizes past patriotism of Citadel men but suggests applying patriotic principles to present-day situations.

A major facet of the plan is "The Citadel Spirit of '76 Scholarship Fund." According to the General, a comprehensive campaign is being launched to solicit \$76 donations because "no patriotic qualified young man from South Carolina should be denied admission to the Citadel because of finances." In 1975 and 1976 hundreds of one-year scholarships of \$1776 will be awarded.

The scholarship is being initiated to help achieve the Bicentennial goal of "1976 cadets in 1976." That number is the college's capacity and some 300 more than current enrollment.

During the Bicentennial Era the

Corps of Cadets will re-enact historic events from its 132-year past. For example, on Feb. 8, 1975, cadets will re-enact the 1861 firing on the **Star of the West**. Those shots by Citadel cadets were the first of the Civil War.

A historic lecture series involving nationally-known speakers, seminars, spectacular nighttime parades of the Corps of Cadets, and a Confederate costume Ball are among the events planned. An American flag atop the central campus tower, now flying 24 hours a day in honor of the Bicentennial will be replaced by a larger flag with additional illumination.

The "New Glory" theme will be emphasized by Bicentennial related art and museum exhibits, and included in all public relations programs of the Citadel. The Citadel band and choir are preparing a repertoire of patriotic music, and a vocal group of 13 voices, "The Original Thirteen", is being formed for special Bicentennial performances.

Hundreds of Citadel cadets participated in the Exchange Building festivities in Charleston on December 3, 1973.

MEET YOUR COMMISSION

Charles E. Lee, director of the S. C. Department of Archives and History, is the deputy executive secretary of the SCARBC. On the national level, he serves as chairman of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration's Advisory Panel on Research and Publications, and as a member of the ARBA's Heritage '76 Committee.

Mr. Lee holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of South Carolina and did further graduate study at the University of Chicago.

Active in many professional and community capacities, he is a member of the S. C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission, the Society of American Archivists and the Columbia Forum, of which he is currently president. Mr. Lee is chairman of the Southeast Region Advisory Committee of the National Park Service. A past vice-president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Liaison Officers, he is now a member of that group's Executive Committee.

Mr. Lee represents the Department of Archives and History as a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Association for State and Local History, the Society of Architectural Historians and the International Council on Archives.



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An extensive new waste water treatment facility has been designated a Bicentennial project. In the area of city beautification, Cayce plans four mini-parks and additional picnic and recreational facilities at Guignard Park.

The restoration of the Kaminski Building (c. 1840) and the restoration, revitalization and improvement of the Historic District, Front Street Commercial Area and the Sampit Riverfront are planned in Georgetown. The city also hopes to establish a Distinguished Preservation Award and hold a special July 4, 1976 celebration.

In Cherokee County, the Cherokee Ford Iron Works and Fort Thicketty, site of a significant Patriot victory, will be restored. Plans call for an annual drama presentation commemorating the Battle of Cowpens, a commemorative celebration at Kings Mountain and a July 4th celebration. The county also will mark each farm which has been in the same family for 100 years and identify every home, farm or site title dating to 1776 or before which can be traced to the original owner.

Branchville will further restore

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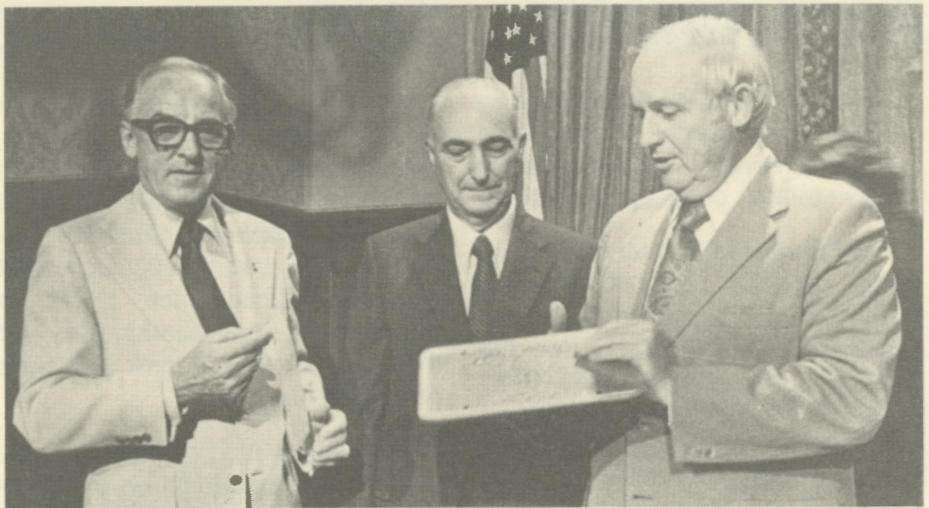
South Carolina native, Louis Wright, has been chosen by the American Association for State and Local History to write a new history of South Carolina for the Bicentennial. Wright is being supported in the project by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The program calls for popular histories of each of the states and the District of Columbia to be written. South Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Texas, California and New Hampshire will be covered in the program's first phase.

Wright, known as a historian of the American colonies, is a native of Greenwood and a graduate of Wofford College and the University of North Carolina. He did post-doctoral research at the Johns Hopkins University and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 1948, he received an honorary degree from Princeton University. Wright served as director of the Folger Shakespeare Library from 1948-1968, prior to which he was associated with the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery in California. Wright has served as a visiting professor of both literature and history at universities and colleges throughout the United States.

The South Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution completed their first Bicentennial project on November 3, when the Emily Geiger Monument was dedicated at the Geiger Cemetery near Highway 176 in Sandy Run. Emily Geiger was a heroine of the American Revolution.

Other Bicentennial projects of the D.A.R. include the marking of graves of Revolutionary War soldiers, placing a historical marker at Landsford Canal, and a bronze replica of the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission's commemorative medallion. This bronze edition will include an obverse and reverse of the medallion, each measuring three feet in diameter. It will hang in the State House in Columbia.



SCARBC Chairman Bradley Morrah (left) and Chief Highway Commissioner Silas Pearman sell South Carolina's first commemorative Bicentennial tag to Governor John West.

BICENTENNIAL TAGS ISSUED

Governor John C. West purchased the first of South Carolina's commemorative Bicentennial auto tags from SCARBC Chairman Bradley Morrah and Chief Highway Commissioner Silas Pearman. The plates are being issued by the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission by authority of the State Legislature and in cooperation with the State Highway Department.

The plate is cast in heavy Armatale, a metal having the "elegance of pewter and the durability of steel." Each plate is individually

cast in a sand mold by skilled craftsmen at the Wilton Brass Company, a company specializing in Early American crafts.

South Carolina's role in the American Revolution is spotlighted in the design, which features the state's Bicentennial symbol. The words, "Battleground of Freedom" appear on the plate, signifying the fact that South Carolina saw more military action than any other state.

Cost is \$8.50 which includes tax, and mailing. To order your commemorative Bicentennial plate write: Bicentennial, Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

EMPHASIS '76 ANNOUNCED

Outstanding Bicentennial projects that beautify and improve South Carolina communities will be recognized in 1975 by a new awards program, Emphasis '76.

The awards, sponsored by the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission and the Governor's Beautification and Community Improvement Board, will be presented to winning projects in each of the Board's five population classes. Winners will receive \$25 and certificates of merit from the commission.

Projects should be submitted through the County Chairman of the Governor's Board and be an integral part of the board's county program. These projects will be judged on the concept involved, progress and community involvement. Deadline for entry in the

Emphasis '76 program is March 4, 1975. Awards will be presented at the Governor's Beautification and Community Improvement Conference in April, 1975.

For further information contact: Kay McCoy, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Suite 113, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, S. C. 29202.

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission office is located in Room 101 of the Edgar Brown Building at 1205 Pendleton St., in Columbia, S. C. The telephone number is 803-758-7855.

BICENTENNIAL GRANTS MADE

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has made several matching grants to Bicentennial projects in the state.

The Charleston Bicentennial Committee received a \$10,000 matching grant that is being used to furnish engineering specifications for the berthing of the aircraft carrier **Yorktown**. This ship will be the first of many to be exhibited at Patriot's Point, a naval and maritime museum that will be located in Charleston Harbor.

According to Charleston County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director Ben Boozer, the Yorktown will arrive in the Port City in late March or April of 1975.

The Pendleton District Recreational and Historical Commission received a matching grant of \$5,187 that will be used to help continue the Foothills Heritage Series.

Through this program, 200 ninth grade students from Anderson, Oconee and Pickens county schools will learn colonial crafts and culture at weekend workshops. Students participating in last year's successful program learned such crafts as woodcarving, chair caning, etc., and took this knowledge back into their communities.

Greenville's Bicentennial Committee will receive \$1,900 on a matching grant basis, that will be used to help line Greenville's Main Street with the flags of the 50 states and four territories. According to Greenville Volunteer Coordinator Carolyn Vinson, "These flags will be a visual sign of the 200th birthday celebration and will also tie in with the planned downtown improvement program." Thirteen early colonial flags will be exhibited on the downtown plaza in honor of the 13 original colonies.



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the Branchville Railroad Shrine and Museum and decorate and serve meals in the Passenger Dining Room. The town hall will also be restored and the Raylrode Daze Festival, presently an annual celebration, will be staged with a Bicentennial theme in 1976.

Branchville also plans to nominate Sardis United Methodist Church to the National Register and to request the issue of a stamp commemorating the railroad depot. A recreational facilities project will be completed and a series of newspaper articles on Branchville's heritage will be written.

In Greenville, a Pedestrian Mall with amphitheater and exhibit area will be built in the downtown area, as well as a plaza for concerts, exhibits and receptions. The city's

downtown shopping area will be beautified and improved.

Greenville also plans to restore Lewis House and establish a Comprehensive Senior Center for the elderly. A special Bicentennial evening of entertainment will be held for the S. C. Municipal League when they meet in Greenville in 1975.

Main Street will be lined with the flags of the 50 states and City Hall plaza will display flags of the 13 original colonies with one-half the cost being borne by the State Bicentennial Commission through a matching grant.

Bicentennial plans in Fairfield County include a homes tour, Revolutionary Fashion Show, a historical pageant and a barbershop singing concert. The restored Ketchin Building has been opened, a new library will be built and dedicated and Fortune Springs Garden



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Bury a time capsule to be opened in 2076? Organize a Festival of Faiths? Start a drive to save historic buildings in your town? If you can't quite decide how you would like to commemorate America's Bicentennial birthday, the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission has published a booklet that you might find helpful.

The booklet, "What Will You Do For America's 200th Birthday?" will aid Bicentennial planners by describing plans and projects already underway, by listing helpful resources, and by suggesting project ideas.

To receive a free copy write: Bicentennial Planners Aid, Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

will be completed. Also on tap in Fairfield County is establishment of New Horizons Park, the preservation of a historic district and further restoration of the Town Clock Building. Files will be established on all cemeteries and markers placed on the graves on Revolutionary soldiers.

Continued reconstruction of "Historic Camden" is a focal point in Kershaw County's Bicentennial program. Partial reconstruction of

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In Calhoun County, the Calhoun County Museum will sponsor several programs that will preserve the area's history for future generations. Plans call for a complete museology program in 1976, a film series re-

For more information on the Bicentennial Community program contact: Mr. Barney Slawson, Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 11669, Columbia, S. C. 29211.

Civic clubs, patriotic organizations and historical groups are being asked to adopt the program by dedicating a minute of their programs' time to the Bicentennial by re-affirming "love for God and country."



A red line bordered in white outlines the scarf, and South Carolina is written at each end in red. The cost of the scarf is \$5.00 plus 20c sales tax. Proceeds from the sale of all commemorative items are used to support Bicentennial activity in the state. To order tie or scarf write: Bicentennial Tie and Scarf, Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Colombia, South America is the destination of a team of South Carolinians leaving Columbia, South Carolina, December 14 as the first official delegation to visit South America under a Bicentennial project designed to foster closer relationships between the Palmetto State and Southern Colombia.

Initiated and endorsed by the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the project establishes a South Carolina chapter of Partners of the Americas. Created in 1964 as the private sector component of the Alliance for Progress, Partners of the Americas strives to bring closer together the peoples of the two Americas.

"As a result of interest expressed at the national level by the State Department, the SCARBC recognized the international relevance of the Bicentennial and sought to establish projects of mutual self-help with people beyond our country's borders," said John Hills, Bicentennial director.

Dr. Aracelis Shaw, Chairman of Romance Languages at Columbia College and state chairman of the Partners' program, heads a team which will represent agriculture, nutrition, business and education in South Carolina. She will explore the possibilities for educational and cultural exchange programs.

Team members Dr. Dan Ezell, Clemson University professor of Agriculture, and Mrs. Marie Hind-

man, nutritionist and Home Economics professor at the university, will visit the CIAT (The International Center for Tropical Agriculture) and the Agriculture University in Buga. They will study a nutrition plan to increase the country's production of high protein vegetable mixes designed to improve the diets of low-income people, that is being conducted at research centers in Colombia. In addition, Professors Ezell and Hindman will share information on agriculture and nutrition developed by the South Carolina Experimental Extension at Clemson.

David Smalley, program director and producer at South Carolina's Educational Television Network, will travel to Colombia to share information about ETV programs on health care, nutrition, and hospitals. He will also visit the Colombia Educational Television Center in Bogota and in Southern Colombia.

Another member of the team is Dr. Steven J. Shaw, professor of Marketing at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Shaw will explore opportunities for exchange of export-import expertise between the ports of Buenaventura and Charleston, South Carolina. He said that the Partners organization is cooperating with the U. S. Department of Commerce in calling attention to a U. S. Exhibit of industrial equipment and instrumentation that will be held in Colombia March 10-15, 1975. South Carolina industrialists interested in



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selling their products in the rapidly expanding industrial centers of Bogota, Medellin, Cali and Barranquilla are urged to contact F. Muenzer of the U. S. Department of Commerce. Call 202-967-2329, Washington, D. C. for further information.

In "adopting" each other, South Carolina and Southern Colombia have set goals to foster mutual understanding and progress through sharing of ideas and combining of talents and skills to meet fundamental human needs. The program can bring international involvement to hundreds of private citizens throughout the state of South Carolina.

Citizens interested in participating should contact: Dr. Aracelis Shaw, Chairman Romance Language Department, Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina 29206.

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